THE BEGGARS OF LONDON.

Places Where Poverty Clings to the

Skirts of Wealth-Impostors. In most of the capitals of Europe the poor live at the back door of the rich. Wherever wealth makes an attempt to es-Wherever wealth makes an attempt to escape from poverty by segregition or colonization poverty clings to its skirts as meteors follow in the trail of a comet. It may be said that 100,000 persons in all stages of poverty live in the east and of London, because the rich earn their gold there. Another 100,000 live in the west end, because the wealth of the well-to do classes is spant there. Within bow-shot of Buckingham palace there are houses in which the rooms are rented and sub-rented to begars, thieves, seamstresses and a whole tribe of

are rented and aub-rented to beggars, thieves, seamstresses and a whole tribe of seedy adventurers who earn a dubious livelihood by preying on the credulity of their philanthropic neighbors.

For begging in London has been reduced to a fine art, and there are probably 40,000 persons unworthy of any sort of charity who make their living in this way exclusively. Children are sent out, whole droves of them, in rare which scarce conserve the of them, in rags which scarce conserve the vital heat in their tiny bodies with a dis-tinct understanding that there is no bod, breakfast, diener or supper for them, except what they can earn in the streets by steal-ing or begging, as the case may be. Woe to the little wretch who returns penulless to his parents in the evening. The boys are beaten; the girls are cuffed. In the very sewers themselses on the banks of the muddy Themes these little urchins literally pick up a living, the extent of which is measured by the philanthropy or sense of justices of the junk-shop keeper. Still as I have already remarked, begging is the mainstay of outerst London. The street Arab of St. James' and St. Giles' could teach many a lesson to the rapacious Bedouins who exact backthe rapacious Bedouins who exact back-sheesh from the sight-seer at the pyramids, or the lazzaroni who threateningly demand alms in the streets of Naples and on the slopes of Vesuvius. Compared with the London street Arab, or the professional mendicant of the Strand and the Holborn viaduct, the importunate widow of Holy

Writ was an agreeable visitor.

The begging letter imposters of London, like all vagniousle, live in tribes and spend their money as freely as they earn it. For obvious reasons, they select domiciles which shall give them the greatest readiness of access to their intended victims, the nobility and the large class who live in independent circumstances, having accumulated fortunes circumstances, having accumulated fortunes or retired on annuities. Ex-officers of the army and navy are particularly favored by the begging letter-writer, and as a result Westminster, Pimilco and Chelsea, because of their convenience to the horse guards and Somerset house, are largely patronized by the fratornity. The dodges of the begging letter-writor are innumerable. He has the army and navy list at his finger's ends and can take up the peerage and baronetage of Debrett and point out one after the other the peculiarities and especially the money-giving or parsimenious tendencies of each. Members of parliament are invariably avoided, for these gentlemen as law-makers are great sticklers for the observance of the laws, and on the same principle that they nover give a hack-driver more than his legal fare, they pointedly refer the begging letter-writer to the relieving officer of the work-house or to the nearest police magistrate.—London cor. Baltimore Herald. of their convenience to the horse guards

As Dangerous as a Buzz Saw. the air all around him with feroclous sweeps of a came as big as one of his own legs, you recognize him as a thing of terror, indeed. and if you are a wise man give him the sidewalk to himself. The parlious character of this performance is enhanced by the fact that when the dude once gets started in this species of pedestrian St. Vitus, dance he can not stop himself, but has to keep it up like a car on a down grade until his momentum exhausts itself. The other evening ing one of them ran into a crowd of ing one of them ran into a crowd of people coming out from a concert at Chick-string hall. He was working like a steam engine when the collision occurred, and in a moment more the air was pierced with shricks and lamentations as his deadly cane bored and slashed its way through the crowd. He came out on the other side in triumph and went jiggling off up the street looking as if he was going to drop pieces at every step, but making the air whistle under the sweeps of his irresistible staff. It is the upper lovel of a dude ambition to be a first-class "mower," as they call it in dear old London, don't you know. My old friend, Professor Sonac, I understand, teaches it by rule, like the single stick, and has no end of pupilis.—New York News "Babble."

Theodore Parker on the Platform. Theodore Parker was one of the most wonderful platform speakers we have ever had. No man ever felt more keenly. He know he was misunderstood. He knew that he was at a disadvantage. No man saw so widely the idea of humanity. He dealt in a vast variety of blows. Sarcasu was native to him, owing to his intense hatred of a sham. He would not compromise. I saw him once in the New York tabernacle, when his appeals were irresistibly strong. Not having sympathy with his views, he nevertheless pounded me with his logic until I could not think or move. Then, in the midst of his argument, he moved away from his desk; marched across the great stage, and began to pound on the huge wooden pillars that flanked the platform. He pounded till the hall scheed. "This," he oried "this is the argument we get He pounded till the hall schoed. "This," he cried, "this is the argument we get sound, sound, nothing but a magnificent sound. It is the echo of the blows of the old brute ages reverberating into our days to din our ears, and stop them against the trutk." The effect was wonderfully dramatic and powerful. It opened our ears to an unusual degree of candor and fairness.—Cor. Globe-Democrat.

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